

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary work that Michael Seroo has done for the great city of New York.

IN RECOGNITION OF EARTHA T.
WASHINGTON

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Eartha T. Washington, who has a long history of service to her community. Ms. Washington is being honored at Taminent Regular Democratic Club's 85th Annual Dinner Dance with the Taminent Community Service Award. Her commitment, enthusiasm, and generosity have helped countless members of her community.

Ms. Washington was born in South Carolina and grew up in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn as the oldest of four children. She was married to the late James Washington Jr. and is the proud mother of three sons and three granddaughters. Ms. Washington has lived in Astoria, Queens for over 50 years.

After graduating from Borough of Manhattan College and Baruch College, Ms. Washington served as a Contract Administrator with the New York City Department of Parks for 31 years.

Ms. Washington has dedicated most of her spare time to community service. Her many roles include: Chairperson of the Advisory Board at Elmhurst Hospital; New York State Licensed Chaplain; New York City Department of the Aging Advisory Board Member; Director of Astoria Civic Association; Astoria-LIC Kiwanis; Vice President of SHAREing/

CAREing and Director of Taminent Women's Regular Democratic Club.

In recognition of her commitment to serving her community, Ms. Washington has received many awards and honors from New York City Council, State of New York, Congress of the United States, New York State Assembly and the Coleman Foundation, among others.

Additionally, Ms. Washington has traveled extensively and has visited five continents. A considerable amount of this travel has been service oriented; including the several trips Ms. Washington has taken to volunteer abroad in Dominica, Kenya and South Africa.

Ms. Washington's dedication to aiding others is epitomized by her motto—"If I can help someone as I pass this way, I must do it now, for I may not pass this way again." She has demonstrated tireless dedication to her community throughout her entire adult life. Eartha Washington consistently devotes her time and effort to improving the lives of those around her, with great success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary work of Eartha T. Washington, a New York woman who makes a difference in her community.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN FORD

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Tuesday, December 27, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. John Ford, the current President and Business Manager of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada (IATSE). Mr. Ford is being honored at Taminent Reg-

ular Democratic Club's 85th Annual Dinner Dance with the Man of the Year Award.

The IATSE was founded in 1893 when representatives of stagehands working in eleven cities met in New York and pledged to support each others' efforts to establish fair wages and working conditions for their members. The union has since evolved to embrace the development of new entertainment mediums, craft expansion, technological innovation and geographic growth. Today, the over 130,000 members work in all forms of live theater, motion picture and television production, trade shows and exhibitions, television broadcasting, and concerts as well as the equipment and construction shops that support all these areas of the entertainment industry.

John Ford is a third generation member of IATSE Local 52 Motion Picture Studio Mechanics, and he has been a member since 1978. He served on the Executive Board as the Property Department Representative from 1992 to 1998. Mr. Ford also served as Secretary and Treasurer from 1999 to April 2004.

In addition to serving as the President and Business Manager since April 2004, John Ford serves as a Trustee on the Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans. Mr. Ford presently serves as a Trustee on the Local 52 401k Plan. He also currently serves as the International Vice President of the Executive Board of IATSE, a position to which he was elected in July of 2006.

The entertainment industry has played a strong role in our great city by providing good paying jobs to thousands of workers. IATSE ensures that stagehands receive fair pay and good benefits for their essential work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary work that John Ford has done for the IATSE and his larger impact on the great city of New York.